

“Motion To Save The Criminal Courts’ And Lawyers’ Time” Proposed by Navin Punj A/L Shomdutt Sharma [BC/N/4511] dated 19th of February 2025.

Whereas:

- i) The efficient and effective conduct of criminal proceedings in the Honourable Court is vital for the fair administration of justice and the proper allocation of judicial resources.
- ii) The Honourable Court’s time is a precious resource, and lengthy proceedings, unnecessary adjournments, and delays often hinder the timely resolution of criminal cases.
- iii) Lawyers, as officers of the court, also have an obligation to ensure that proceedings are conducted in an efficient, effective, and cost-effective manner, to avoid unnecessary expenses and wasted time for all parties involved, including the clients, the court, and the legal community.
- iv) The growing backlog of criminal cases and the time-consuming nature of criminal proceedings impact the overall efficacy and accessibility of the justice system.
- v) A practice direction ought to be implemented throughout the Courts of Selangor for Investigating Papers to be presented in Court(s) (Lower and High Court) by 9:30AM and that for cases where Lawyers are present be called upon promptly and ought to have priority over cases where the accused person(s) are unrepresented.
- vi) The objective of this aims to create a more efficient and streamlined process for the administration of justice in criminal cases. By reducing unnecessary delays, the time of both the Honourable Court and the legal professionals can be saved, while also reducing

costs for the parties involved. The ultimate goal is to ensure a more timely, fair, and accessible justice system for all parties.

Therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Selangor Bar approaches/engages the Courts to implement a mandatory practice direction throughout the Courts of Selangor for Investigating Papers to be presented in Court(s) (Lower and High Court) by 9:30AM and that for cases where Lawyers are present be called upon promptly and ought to have priority over cases where the accused person(s) are unrepresented.

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